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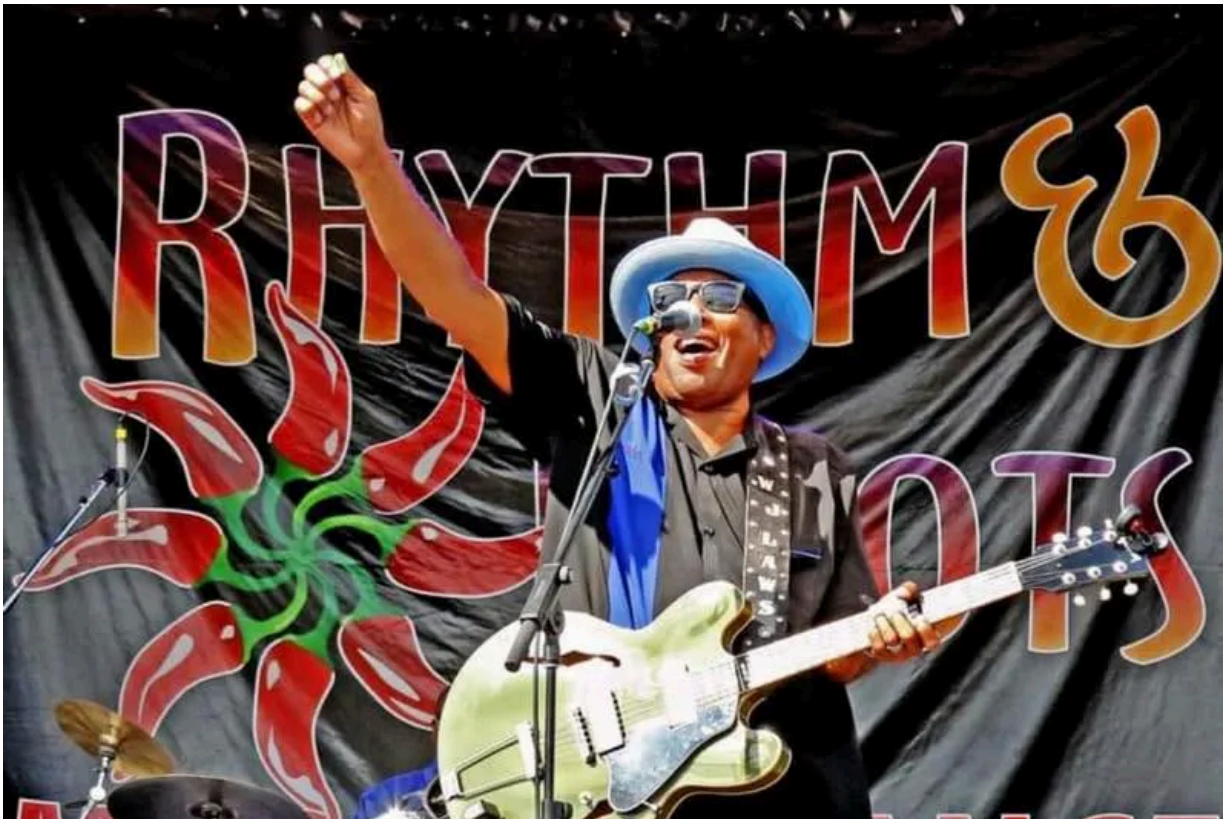

The Willie J. Laws Band will be live at the Ripley Chapel in Winchester on Jan. 24 for a special concert, which will also be live streamed. COURTESY PHOTO/WILLIE J. LAWS BAND

The following was submitted by Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester:

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On Friday, Jan. 24, Ripley Chapel presents a genre-bending sound tempered with the grooves of Motown, Memphis, the Gulf Coast of Texas, and New Orleans — in essence, the Willie J. Laws Band live in-person and live streamed, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The band is one of the most notable Blues acts with a modern funky style that's uniquely its own. The band's sound includes deep Texas roots music, add some funk, and jazz influenced bass patterns, and the influence of various Afro-Caribbean drum beats. This isn't strictly Blues, much of it is original music with its own sound and tempo.

You will enter the Willie J. Laws Band musical train, covering a varied terrain with its assorted musical sounds. It's an exciting, fast-moving train, and you will most definitely enjoy the ride!

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Willie J. Laws: a Texas guitar "gun slinger," vocalist, and song writ following in the footsteps of T-Bone Walker, Lightning Hopkins, King and many others.

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This music is the kind of real Texas soul, all mixed up with classic R&B, country, blues/funk that grows from the Texas soil. Willie has performed nationally and internationally, including two tours of Russia at the invite of the U.S. Consulate in St. Petersburg.

Once the house band at The House of Blues/Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas and Margaritaville in New Orleans. Winners of the Mass Blues Society Challenge 2011, Semi-finalists at the International Blues Competition 2012 and Beale St Kings Awards. A two-time nominee for New England Music Award — Best Blues Act 2015 and 2016, 2015 Nominee for Boston Music Award — Best Blues Act 2015. Come see what many are calling the “Real Deal.”

Tickets are $20, General Admission (live or live streamed); $5 for students.

Tickets are sold on Eventbrite.

For more information about the concert, visit the church website
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music and Worship Arts at 857-919-
jane@fcc-winchester.org.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Ripley Chapel can be found at First Congregational Church, 21 Church St. The entry to the building is located on the Vine Street side of the church. Please use the accessible ramp entrance, and Ripley Chapel will be directly to your right as you enter the building.

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Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence hosting 23rd Trivia Bee

Winchester's brightest fifth graders and adults will gather soon to compete in a fierce trivia competition that will raise money for Winchester schools. The Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE), a nonprofit that provides grants for Winchester's public schools, will host its 23rd annual trivia bee March 11

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Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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